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Clark County School District GEAR UP Abstract 2012-2013

CCSD is the fifth largest school district in the United States and has a current enrollment of 308,477 students. District demographic information by category indicates: 2% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 12% Black/African American, 6.6% Asian/Pacific Islander, 43.4% Hispanic, 5.8% Multiracial and 30.2% White. The seven-year GEAR UP grant will support a change in the culture of schools located in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods so that students are prepared academically and have the resources to attend and succeed in college. The following schools have been selected to participate in the GEAR UP Program based on academic need and having at least 60% of their students eligible for free or reduced lunch: Kathleen and Tim Harney Middle School, Jerome Mack Middle School, and C.W. Woodbury Middle School. Seventh grade students in the schools selected will receive the following services: counseling and advising that includes creating an Individual Academic Plan (IAP) to assure students have an opportunity to understand how middle school courses correlate with high school opportunities, exploration of career interests, tutoring and mentoring provided by high school or college students, parent night events that focus on academic achievement, post-secondary opportunities, financial aid, and college campus visits to gain familiarity with college offerings and opportunities. Additionally, each school will have a Student/Parent Involvement Facilitator (SPIF) to support students, parents and teachers. Professional development for teachers and administrators will target STEM initiatives and effective leadership practices.

AVID is an academic enrichment component that will be offered at Harney. Selected students will enroll in the AVID elective course, which supports rigorous coursework. Teachers will receive professional development that focuses on writing, inquiry, collaboration, and reading instructional techniques. Creating activities around the STEM initiatives are a priority at Mack. Students will be able to participate in an after-school robotics program along with technology and engineering clubs. Developing good character traits, building positive attitudes and appropriate behavior through the mentoring sessions and the Passport Program with the Williams Group will be the focus for Woodbury. Students will explore career aptitudes and interests as they develop their IAP using Career Cruising<sup>TM</sup>, a web-based program. Preparation for post-secondary success will also be promoted through interaction with college liaisons from NSHE institutions on the school campuses.

GEAR UP partner financial institutions will present financial literacy programs for both parents and students.

Dr. Dawn Burns, Coordinator IV, will provide program oversight.